



PUBLIC MEETING

September 28, 2017
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Jim McCormick were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Liz Burke, Brian Coplin, Hannah Dreesbach, Laura Erikson, Isaiah Harrison, Charles Lane, Drenda Niemann, Kody Ramler, Paul Spengler, Jill Steeley, Audra Zacherl, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Contract Between PureView Health Center and Geneva Woods Retail Pharmacy. (Jill Steeley)

Jill Steeley, Executive Director of PureView Health Center, presented the contract with Geneva Woods Retail Pharmacy to dispense 340B drugs to patients of PureView Health Center. The 340B Program provides discounted prescription medications to patients, including insulin, which is an extremely expensive drug. The pharmacy within PureView will be operated by Geneva Woods, who will provide the pharmacist and the computer software program, with PureView providing the 340B pharmaceutical drug inventory. The contract period is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Task Order 18-07-5-21-012-0 Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Drenda Niemann)

Drenda Niemann, Community Public Health Prevention Division Administrator, presented the renewal of the task order to the master contract with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services to administer the Supplemental Nutrition and Education Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). The task order is in the amount of \$214,334, which includes \$10,519 to monitor the Peer Breastfeeding Program. The WIC program provides nutrition education and food benefits to low income pregnant women and families with children age 0-5. The program serves approximately 900 participants per month. The grant period is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Ms. Niemann explained that for unknown reasons once the child becomes one participation in the program declines. Recruitment of new families as well as retention of existing families is important. They are adjusting by streamlining the program using a card rather than paper vouchers. Outreach is the number one priority this year to increase participation in the program to include the Headstart program and foster parents.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2017-139 Levying an Assessment upon Customer of the Scratchgravel Solid Waste Management District Owning Real Property in the District and Owing a Pay-As-You-Throw Program Charge after September 15, 2017. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented resolution 2017-139 to levy an assessment upon customers of the Scratchgravel Solid Waste District that own real property and that owe Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) charges after September 15, 2017. Following policy guidelines for the PAYT program, statements were sent to permit holders who exceeded the 3,000 pound limit for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Only accounts owing \$5.00 or more were mailed and to be payable by July 31, 2017. Included with the resolution is the list of accounts with outstanding charges, to be placed on the property owner's tax bill upon approval of the resolution. Staff recommends approval.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2017-140 Levying an Assessment Upon Customer of the Scratchgravel Solid Waste Management District Owning Mobile Homes as Personal Property in the District and Owing a Pay-As-You-Throw Program Charge after September 15, 2017. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented Resolution 2017-140 to levy an assessment upon customers of the Scratchgravel Solid Waste District that own mobile homes as personal property and that owe Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) charges after September 15, 2017. Following policy guidelines for the PAYT program, statements were sent to permit holders who had exceeded the 3,000 pound limit for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Only accounts owing \$5.00 or more were mailed and to be payable by July 31, 2017. Included with the resolution is the list of accounts with outstanding charges, to be placed on the mobile home owner's tax bill upon approval of the resolution. The current Fiscal Year 2017 total is \$469.14. Staff recommends approval.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Drake Water Technologies, Inc. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the contract with Drake Water Technologies, Inc. for time and materials for the Water Rights Validation Project in the amount not to exceed \$6,000. The goal of the work to be complete is the filing of exempt existing water rights claims to meet the HB110 deadline of June 30, 2019. The contract begins upon signature with work to be completed by June 30, 2018. Drake Water Technologies will identify all water diversions owned and/or operated by Lewis and Clark County; acquire water rights for those diversions that do not have an active water right filed with the Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC); validate data for diversions having an active water right on file with the DNRC; and provide Lewis and Clark County with an update database on all diversions eligible for a water right.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Yellow Jacket, LLC. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the contract with Yellow Jacket Construction, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$44,700 to replace the existing 6,400 square foot metal roof on the snow plow equipment storage building with a standing seam metal roofing system. The contract period is upon signature with work to be completed by December 1, 2017. This roof has progressively worsened over the last few years. This past spring the leaks started affecting the garage door openers. Ms. Zacherl stated that the Public Works Department has the budget authority for a brand new roller in the Capital Improvement Plan; however, they have decided to go out for a bid for a used roller and will save approximately half the cost of the original budget amount. They plan to use that cost savings for this project.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and FenceCrafters Helena, Inc. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the contract with FenceCrafters Helena, Inc. in the amount of \$40,600 for time and materials to replace 2,280 feet of fencing on the north and west boundaries of the County Landfill and to add a gate and 1,850 feet of fencing along the drive into the Scratchgravel Landfill. Work on this contract is to be completed by December 1, 2017. Both landfills have budgeted for these projects in this fiscal year.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2017-142. Eliminating Stage I Fire Restrictions in Lewis and Clark County Effective 12:01 A.M. September 29, 2017. (Paul Spengler)

Paul Spengler, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the resolution eliminating Stage I Fire Restrictions effective 12:01 a.m. September 29, 2017. The favorable weather conditions have reduced the fire risk. Broadwater, Jefferson and Lewis and Clark County Fire Chiefs as well as the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Forest Service all unanimously agreed to lift the restriction. Mr. Spengler stated open debris burning is still closed. Open burn permit areas are considered separately depending upon the say of the area fire chief.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and eCIVIS. (Laura Erikson)

Laura Erikson, Community Development Coordinator, presented the contract with eCIVIS for grants management subscription and services. A request for qualifications was done by the County and we received 2 proposals. A selection committee met and evaluated 2 proposals; eCivis was deemed to be the best respondent by the committee. The subscription period is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020. The first year fee is \$26,800; the second and third year fees for the service are each \$16,800 for a total 3-year award of \$60,400. After the first year there is a clause that allows for termination of the contract if it is so desired prior to year two and three. Ms. Erikson explained that the services will be mostly software management services to help centralize the grants and the administration of those grants that the County receives. And eCivis will work closely with the County to migrate all of our data to their system. This software has been in the budget for the past few years.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Board of Crime Control. (Laura Erikson)

Laura Erikson, Community Development Coordinator, presented the grant award from the Montana Board of Crime Control in the amount of \$32,214 with a local match of \$8,079 from the Friendship Center for a total amount of \$40,393 for Victim's of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking. The grant award period is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

Kody Ramler, Client Care Director of the Friendship Center, gave an extensive overview of the services the Friendship Center will provide with this grant. Every year there is a slight increase in the number of people served; they see both male and female victims. In 2016, they served a little over 1,000 clients. The services provided for males are a little different as there is no onsite shelter for men, but they do have contracts with local motels that are able to provide emergency safe housing.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Service - 2017 Youth Forest Monitoring Program.
(Hannah Dreesbach, Isaiah Harrison, and Liz Burke)**

Liz Burke, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Service, gave an overview of the 2017 Youth Forest Monitoring Program. It is a summer internship for high school students with the opportunity to spend seven weeks monitoring forest health in the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. Up to fifteen students participate on a yearly basis. This year's students have covered the Lincoln area. This is a partnership program with Lewis and Clark County with a \$1,000 stipend for each student. The students compile data over the seven weeks from areas of the forest that may have been impacted by wildfire, historic mining, recreation, or new areas that may need monitoring.

Hannah Dreesbach and Isaiah Harrison, both from Capital High School, presented a slide show summary of the 2017 field season to include: Sucker Creek, Poorman Creek; the Stonewall Rapid Forest Assessment (RFA); and Alice Creek.

The Sucker Creek burn area was created by a fire that was ignited by lightning in August 2015. This is the second year that this site has been monitored. It is currently an active Black Backed Woodpecker monitoring area. They saw a significant increase in the number of woodpeckers compared to last year. Recent fires in the Park Creek and Arrastra Creek areas will open up new areas for the monitoring of the Black Backed Woodpeckers as burn areas are where the birds are seen.

The Poorman Creek monitoring site is located on private property. Poorman Creek is a tributary of Upper Blackfoot River. This area was monitored for pollution levels in the stream as it has a history of placer mining and ranching. This is the third year working with the Blackfoot Challenge on this area. A series of measurements taken showed a higher level of depth and velocity in the stream compared to last year. The difference could be attributed to the timing of the measurements. Also, monitoring showed a significant increase in silt and sediment in the stream and this can cause issues for the fish. They recommend monitoring this stream every year.

The Stonewall Rapid Forest Assessment (RFA) site is located northwest of Lincoln in a potential logging area. Data collection has occurred over the last 2 years at this site. In an RFA, they are monitoring the size and number of trees in an area as well as a weed and potential fuels survey.

The Alice Creek site found a big increase in weeds present, particularly Toad flax. They recommend returning to the site next year to monitor the weeds.

The Commissioners thanked these students for all of the hard work on these projects over the summer.

Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

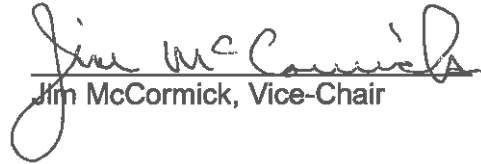
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Jim McCormick, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board

Susan Good Geise, Member